



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Fire Chief

At its meeting held November 12, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Fire Chief's recommendation that the Board acting as the governing body of the Consolidated Fire Protection District, authorize the District to begin the acquisition process for a Sikorsky Firehawk helicopter at a total estimated cost of \$14.5 million, based on the anticipated availability of Measure B funds; authorize the Fire Chief to issue a Letter of Intent to Sikorsky advising them of the Board's authorization to begin the acquisition process, instruct the Fire Chief and the Interim Director of Internal Services with the assistance of County Counsel to proceed with the sole source acquisition of a Sikorsky Firehawk helicopter and the solicitation of all required outfitting work by separate vendors, negotiate contracts with Sikorsky and the outfitting vendors and return to the Board for approval of the final contracts; also instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to begin working with the Fire Chief and the Interim Director of Internal Services on arranging lease purchase financing for the acquisition of the Firehawk helicopter.

Peter Baxter addressed the Board.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Last year, the Board instructed the Auditor-Controller to establish a Measure B Oversight Committee to monitor the collection and expenditure of Measure B funds. In June, the Auditor-Controller reported on the structure of this Oversight Committee and the responsibilities of the participating County departments.

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“Specifically, the Auditor-Controller’s memo stated that the Department of Health Services (DHS) is responsible for authorizing, and recommending for Board approval, the disbursement of Measure B funds to meet trauma and bioterrorism needs in the County. Given the recent confusion over the Fire Department’s request to obtain a helicopter for the transport of trauma patients from the Antelope Valley and the need to ensure that these funds are spent in accordance with the intent of Measure B, it is important to clarify the role that DHS plays in this process.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Fire Chief’s attached recommendations; and
2. Instructed the Fire Chief to obtain concurrence from the Director of Health Services for all recommendations for the expenditure of Measure B funds prior to submission to the Board of Supervisors, and document such concurrence in the Board letter.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Health Services